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• *Communities secretary Eric Pickles visited Oxford on Monday to check on flood defence progress - he is seen here with county council leader Ian Hudspeth (second left) and Oxfordshire fire chief David Etheridge*

OXON WOE AS FLOODS CONTINUE

Relentless wet weather leaves water levels dangerously high

FLOODING has once again severely affected Oxford and the rest of the county, with residents, homes and roads threatened by rising water levels for the second time this year.

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Commuters have again faced chaos on the roads as Abingdon Road was closed, along with Seacourt Park and Ride, on Sunday.

Flood alerts are in force for the River Thames and River Cherwell in the Oxford area, with more rain expected next week.

The latest floods have led politicians in Oxford to renew their calls for a flood channel to be built, known as the Western Conveyance Channel, which would divert water away from the city.

Oxford East MP Andrew Smith said: "Oxford faces a dire situation, with all the heartache and worry for those at risk of flooding, and the widespread disruption and economic cost to the city and surrounding area.

"It is important to press the case for the Western Conveyance Channel to relieve flooding pressure on Oxford.

"We need urgently to secure commitment to this major scheme, which is the only way of significantly reducing the flood risk in the city.

"Everyone can see the much greater frequency of major flooding in our area and its damage, and whilst it will take some years to get the Channel in place, the sooner it starts, the better."

Oxford West and Abingdon MP Nicola Blackwood said: "It is utterly miserable that once again

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'What we need are long term solutions'

• *From front page*

families and business owners are having to face the anxiety and cost of defending themselves against flood risks.

"What we need now are long term solutions like the Western Conveyance Channel, strategic dredging and clearing of drainage routes and improvements to our inadequate drainage system.

"I have been raising these issues in Parliament and will continue to do so."

Cllr Bob Price, leader of Oxford City Council, said: "The current flooding emergency seems likely to continue until the early part of next week.

"The city council, the fire service and the Environment Agency have worked together with great success so far to keep Botley Road open, and to prevent any homes flooding.

"The council have also installed mobile toilet units in several places to help families who cannot use their loos."

Caroline Douglass of the Environment Agency added: "Our sincere sympathy goes out to those who have already suffered the dreadful experience of being flooded.

"We are moving towards December, January and February being the wettest winter in 250 years and looking ahead at the rest of this week, the end is not yet in sight.

"Unfortunately we cannot prevent flooding altogether so I would urge the public to check if they live or work in a flood risk area, and keep up to date with the latest situation on the Environment Agency website."

ACC John Campbell, gold commander for the policing operation around the flooding, said: "Thames Valley Police has dedicated a significant number of officers across our Force area to assist in flood relief efforts.

"I am aware that there have been rumours circulating about criminal activity and suggestions that looting has been taking place.

"I can state that there have been no reports to police that corroborate these rumours and additional officers have been deployed to flood affected areas to deter those who would look to exploit this situation to criminal ends."

• *Eric Pickles, Ian Hudspeth and David Etheridge*

Calls for EU funds to help with flooding

OXFORDSHIRE County Council should apply for EU funding to help rebuild flood defences in the county, according to South East England MEP Catherine Bearder.

While the UK is not applying for funds from Europe, Ms Bearder is urging council leader Ian Hudspeth to apply for EU Regional Development Fund money.

This money is given to areas of EU countries, which in this case would be put towards flood prevention infrastructure in the future.

Ms Bearder said: "Whole swathes of Oxfordshire have been affected by these horrendous floods.

"The government has decided not to apply, so I think it is now Oxfordshire County Council's job to apply for regional funds.

"This funding could prove vital; it could ensure defences are built so people no longer have to worry every time clouds appear overhead."

In reply Cllr Hudspeth said: "Councillors and staff from all parts of the county council have spent large parts of January and February on a day to day basis, helping our residents deal with flooding.

"Of course we would be interested in money from the EU or any other source to help Oxfordshire's cause. Party politics does not come into the equation."

Shame on 'bow-wave bandits'

COUNTY council leader Ian Hudspeth is urging people to resort to social media to shame "ignorant bow-wave bandits".

Throughout this year's flooding, a large number of reports have been made of motorists ignoring closure signs.

Cllr Hudspeth says it is "the most ignorant behaviour imaginable" and is asking people to tweet with #bowwavebandit when they see a vehicle creating bow-waves for flooded properties.

"Our highways teams do no put up road closed signs because the notion takes their fancy," Cllr Hudspeth said.

"I am sure there are plenty of examples of sheepish motorists who in recent weeks have had to telephone their insurance company to make a claim with nobody to blame but themselves.

"On the other hand I am sure there are examples of people whose homes have suffered flooding which would not otherwise have happened had it not been for aggressive motorists ploughing through several feet of water and creating bow waves."

He added: "Tweet with #bowwavebandit when you see a vehicle creating an anti-social bow-wave for flooded properties, and let this minority of irresponsible drivers know how you feel."

Human rights festival returns to city

A FESTIVAL dedicated to raising awareness of human rights returns for a 12th year this month.

This year the programme of events is entitled the Oxford Human Rights Arts Festival, kicking off on February 24 for four days.

As well as film screenings, the festival will host live music, theatre, poetry and a range of guest speakers.

The festival is organised by Oxford Brookes students on the Development and Emergency Practice (DEP) master's degree course.

Martin Dolan, a current DEP student involved in organising the festival, believes this year's line-up will prove to produce the best festival staged so far.

"The Oxford Human Rights Arts Festival gives us the opportunity to highlight these issues to a wider audience, in a moving and entertaining way," he said.

"We have such a diverse range of events, from films to poetry and theatre, so this year is sure to be the best festival yet."

Events will take place in venues across the city, including the Old Fire Station and Ultimate Picture Palace, and all are open to the public.

Some events will be free while others require a nominal entrance fee.

Tickets for all events are now available to be reserved and purchased online by visiting the festival's website (www.oxfordhumanrightsfestival.org).

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Museum to reopen after £2m repair operation

THE Oxford University Museum of Natural History will reopen this weekend, after being closed for the last 14 months while repairs were carried out.

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Around £2million was spent on restoring the leaking roof of the building, with more than 8,500 glass tiles needing to be removed, cleaned and resealed.

Staff took advantage of the closure to carry out conservation work on whale skeletons, which were treated for the first time in a century.

A programme of events is planned for Saturday to celebrate the reopening, featuring live bands, bug handling and a speech from museum director Paul Smith.

Mr Smith said: "This has been a long, dark year with the museum closed to visitors.

"Although the closure has been a great opportunity to experiment with different ways of taking our specimens to the public, it will be very nice to see the doors open again on Saturday.

"It will be great to have the sound of visitors filling the space once more, without them having to move around buckets to collect rainwater!"

The museum was established in 1850 in various facilities around the city, until Sir Henry Acland initiated construction of the current building between 1855 and 1860.

Before its recent closure the museum attracted around 300,000 visitors a year, and is divided into sections relating to geology, mineralogy, zoology and entomology.

While it was closed, 12 specimens, including a dodo and a dinosaur, were installed at venues around the city to form an interactive treasure trail, the winners of which will be announced on Saturday.

Saturday's programme sees the museum's doors open at 7am, with bug handling, talks and music taking place throughout the day.

A number of exhibitions have been planned for the upcoming months, such as a lecture from the Oxford Geology Group, images of butterflies and moths, and an event about the tensions and overlaps between science and the arts.

For more information, go to www.oum.ox.ac.uk.

Council chiefs prepare for Commonwealth Day

OXFORDSHIRE County Council was host to dignitaries from the district councils on Monday, as they were presented with a flag in preparation for Commonwealth Day next month.

Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire Tim Stevenson delivered the flags, which will be used by the districts for flag-raising ceremonies on March 10.

This is the first time in history that the ceremonies will be held across Oxfordshire and the country, in celebration of the Commonwealth Games being held in Glasgow later this year.

Mr Stevenson said: "This is a great opportunity to promote understanding on global issues and celebrate the work carried out internationally by Commonwealth organisations.

"We are proud to be supporting this event and look forward to distributing the flags to dignitaries representing the district councils.

"We believe that global bonds begin locally, and what better way to emphasise than by inviting local celebration of this special association."

Bruno Peek, originator of Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth, said: "This will be the largest, single raising of the Commonwealth flag in history.

"The success of this year's event bodes well for 2015 and the future."

• Tim Stevenson, Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire (fourth right) delivered the flags to the district council chiefs (Pic: Oxfordshire County Council)

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Youth award nominations deadline nears

NOMINATIONS for the Oxfordshire Youth Awards 2014 are set to close on Monday, with seven categories available for people aged between 11 and 19.

Award categories include Arts Superstar, Sports Achievement, Community Champion, Pride of Oxfordshire, Inspirational Entrepreneur, Young Einstein of the Year, and Youth Project of the Year.

The winners will be announced at a ceremony on March 17 at Oxford's New Theatre. Last year the event was hosted by author Philip Pullman, former Supergrass frontman Gaz Coombes and ex-Oxford United striker Jon-Paul Pittman.

Last year's awards saw over 250 nominations made from across the county, to celebrate the very best of Oxfordshire's talented youth.

To make a nomination or to find out more about the awards, go to www.oxfordshireyouthawards.org.

Telly burglar gets suspended prison sentence

A MAN who burgled an Oxford electronics store and was caught carrying a stolen television on the handlebars of his bicycle has been given an eight-week suspended sentence at Oxford Magistrates' Court.

Eamonn Anderson, 54, of Salter Close in Oxford, was stopped by officers after he had broken into Richer Sounds on Botley Road at 4.45am on November 28 last year.

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Brookes saddles up for key electric bike study

OXFORD Brookes University is conducting a study on the impact of electric bikes, known as E-bikes, on the mobility and wellbeing of older people.

By **Adam Flinn**
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The study is supported by bike manufacturer Raleigh UK, and comes as there is growing awareness that assisted cycling can lead to health benefits for thousands of inactive people.

One of the issues that the industry faces is reaching out to people of all ages, so the cycle BOOM study plans to investigate the experiences over 50s have using E-bikes.

While the study hopes to provide information on how E-bike technology can be improved, it also aims to show how towns, cities and the countryside could be developed to encourage older people to cycle.

Tim Jones, principal investigator at Oxford Brookes, said: "It's great to be working with an industry partner with such a proud heritage of British bicycle manufacture.

"With this study we hope to make a really important contribution in ensuring that future bicycle technology, as well as our towns and cities, are designed to support cycling in older age."

Richard Dobney, Raleigh's electric bike product manager, added: "We're very excited to be working with Oxford Brookes and its partners on the cycle BOOM project.

"Seeing how our technology can be progressed, implemented and tailored to the non-cyclist is absolutely key to the future of electric bikes in the UK.

"Ultimately, we believe electric bikes are inclusive, and will contribute hugely to getting more people on two wheels in the coming years."

Raleigh UK is hoping to implement the findings in future product and marketing developments and will be working as a partner throughout the lifespan of the study, expected to conclude in September 2016.

Researchers are currently looking for participants aged 50 and above who live in Oxford to take part in the study, which would take place by the end of March.

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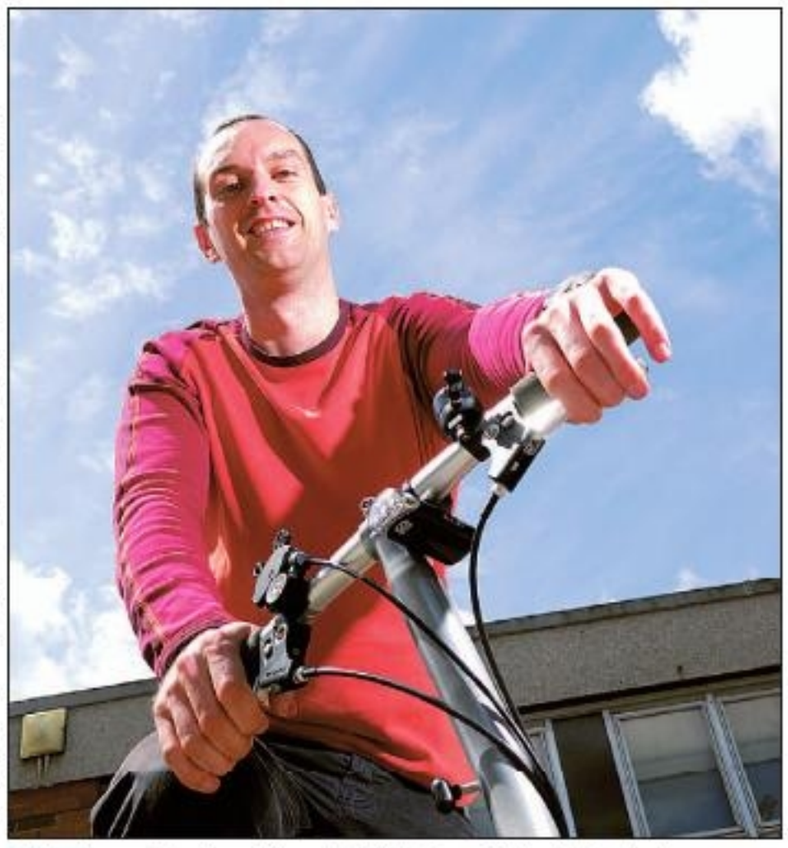

• *Tim Jones, leader of the study (Picture: Oxford Brookes)*

Honorary doctorates announced

SIX renowned names from the worlds of science, the arts and religion are set to receive honorary degrees from Oxford University.

Doctorates of Divinity, Letters, Science and Music will be awarded at Encaenia, the university's annual ceremony on June 25.

The Most Reverend Dr Katherine Jefferts Schori, who is Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and 16 other nations, will receive an honorary doctorate of Divinity.

Sculptor Sir Anish Kapoor, who was behind the 'Orbit' for the London 2012 Olympic Games, and Robert Silvers, editor of the New York Review of Books, will accept a degree of Doctor of Letters.

Prof Wallace Broecker, a scientist at Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, and Prof Jean-Marie Lehn, a Nobel Prize for Chemistry winner, will receive an honorary doctorate of Science.

British composer Sir Harrison Birtwistle is set to be handed an honorary degree of doctor of Music.

All of the degrees are subject to approval by the university's Congregation.

News Bites

Store to open

CLOTHING retailer H&M is opening its first store in Oxford next month, and is offering customers a 25 per cent discount on its launch day.

The store opens in the Clarendon Centre on March 6 at 11am. A range of activities will be available on the day, including live music, a pop-up nail booth and face painting.

Chill factor

OVER 300 children are attending workshops to learn more about the Winter Olympics at Oxford Ice Rink, with the chance to experience winter sports for themselves.

The Winter Sports Workshops started yesterday and continue today, and aim to teach children about how the snow and ice is created and maintained at the rink.

Julia Burson, of ice rink operators Fusion Lifestyle, said: "This is a great chance for local school children to get a feel for what the Winter Olympics is all about."

Teen robbed

A 19-YEAR-OLD woman's handbag was stolen in a robbery on February 3, which took place on Iffley Road in Oxford between 1.10am and 1.30am.

The victim and a friend were pushed to the floor by the offender, who had grabbed the handbag as they crossed the junction with Charles Street.

The offender is black, between 6ft and 6ft 2ins, of medium build and in his 20s. Anyone with information is asked to contact 101.

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Man wanted after pizza place assault

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OFFICERS are keen to speak to a man who they believe can help with their investigation in to an assault.

Shortly before 2.40am on February 2, a 31-year-old man was assaulted while waiting in the queue at Dominos Pizza in Park End Street.

He was involved in an altercation with two men.

One of them punched him in the face, causing him to lose two teeth.

Police want to speak to a white man, in his early 20s, with dark hair and a side parting.

Anyone with information is asked to contact investigating officer Andy Hurst on 101.

In an unrelated incident, a man from Wantage has been arrested on suspicion of assaulting a graduate outside the same pizza shop in Oxford back in November.

The 23-year-old is on police bail until March 12, pending further enquiries.

National honour for autism organisation

AN OXFORDSHIRE-based organisation has received national recognition for its innovative work in helping people with autism.

By Jack Johnson
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Autism Oxford has been nominated in the Outstanding Adult Services category of this year's National Autistic Society's (NAS) Autism Professionals Awards.

The Chinnor-based organisation provides training sessions led by people with autism to professionals to help them understand the condition.

During last year, Autism Oxford trained 825 health, mental health and social care staff as well as 860 people in the criminal justice system, including 516 police officers.

The organisation was nominated for the award by the parents of people with autism.

Kathy Erangey, who founded Autism Oxford in 2007, said: "We are honoured and thrilled to have been shortlisted in the Autism Professionals Awards.

"We believe our team is unique and helping thousands of autism families and professionals."

Peter Bowell, whose adult son has autism, added: "During his dark periods, the only light that shone for our son was the Autism Oxford Team who were inspirational, giving hope where none had previously existed.

"Hearing their personal experiences was enlightening, showing that despite huge difficulties, they have progressed marvellously to help others."

Richard Maguire, an autistic trainer for the organisation, said: "When you have spent most of your life feeling not good enough, a NAS award would be amazing."

The Autism and Ageing Projects Team and Prospect House have also been nominated for the award. Carol Povey, director of the Centre for Autism at the NAS, said: "These awards recognise individuals and organisations, like Autism Oxford, who go the extra mile to improve the lives of people affected by autism. The calibre of this year's entries has been outstanding and Autism Oxford has done remarkably well to be shortlisted."

The winner will be revealed at an awards dinner on March 4 at The Royal Hall in Harrogate.

After 40 years, Vivienne is still going strong!

• (Left to right) Mark Wilson, general manager, Vivienne Edwards and Ben Reid, chief executive

A WOMAN from Oxford has received a special award in recognition of a 40-year commitment to the local community.

Vivienne Edwards, 62, has been an employee at The Midcounties Co-operative Food since 1974 and has been presented with a Long Service Award in recognition of her dedication.

Ms Edwards currently works as a duty manager at the Woodfarm store on Atkyns Road.

The 62-year-old started as a customer service assistant before becoming a deputy manager.

She semi-retired last year, taking up her current role.

"Working at The Midcounties Co-operative in Woodfarm is a pleasure and I am proud to be part of a society that is ethical and community focused," she said.

"I work with an inspiring team and over the years have enjoyed supporting and forming great relationships with the local community."

Gabi Harris, store manager at the Woodfarm shop, added: "Vivienne is an exceptional colleague and we would like to congratulate her on her achievement of reaching this milestone and thank her for all her hard work over the last 40 years."

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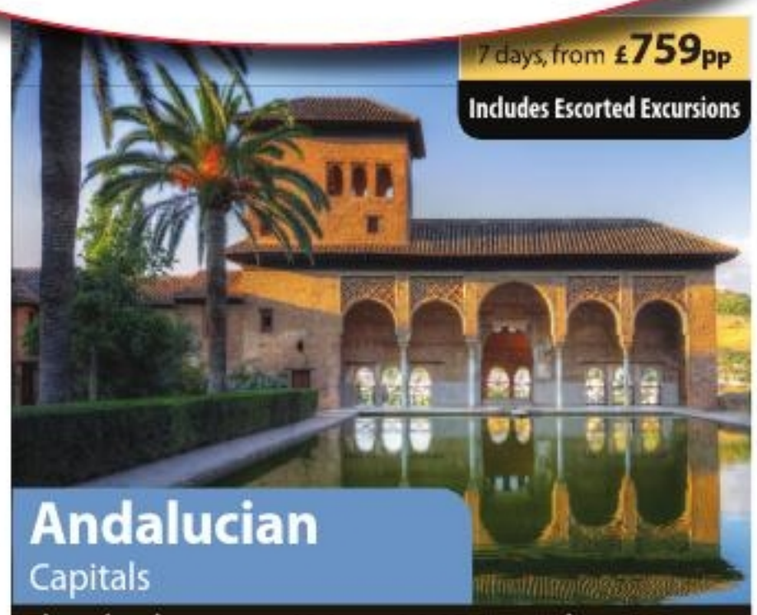
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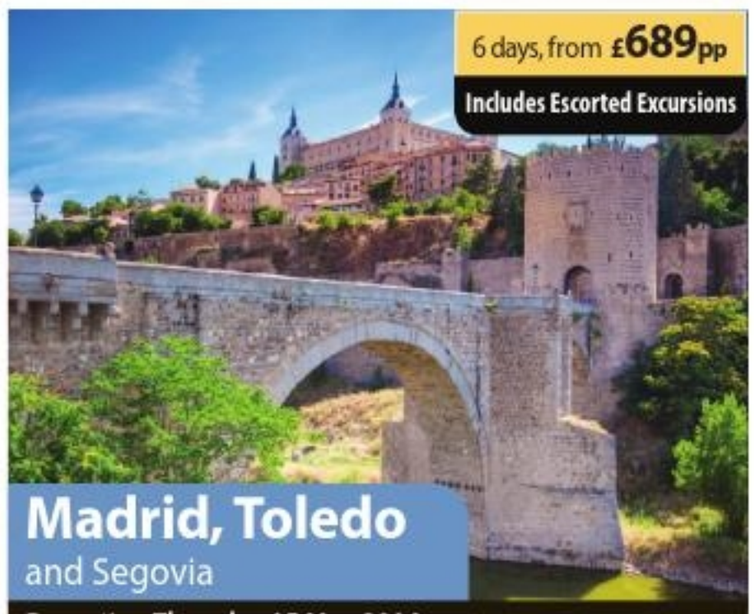
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School survey

MEMBERS of the public are being encouraged to complete a survey to help improve care in schools for children with medical conditions.

The Government has launched the consultation following the publication of draft guidance into what schools will be expected to do from September to support children with conditions such as Diabetes.

Visit www.education.gov.uk to complete the survey.

Saving time

NETWORK Rail has announced plans to shorten the journey time from Oxford to Heathrow.

A new rail line, connecting the city with the airport, would see commuters' travelling time cut from 1hr 34mins to 58mins in 2021.

The current line runs from Swansea, through Cardiff, before going on to Reading and London Paddington.

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Students hitch ride from Sir Richard

By **Jack Johnson**

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STUDENTS from Oxford University have proved it is easier than you think to travel abroad without using any money.

As part of the university's Raise And Give (RAG) week, 200 students embarked on Jailbreak 2014.

Without using any of their own money, they were competing to be the team furthest from Oxford after 36 hours, travelling by any means they could think of.

And the winning team got as far as Tokyo, all thanks to a chance meeting with Sir Richard Branson.

Robert Harris, Charlie Parkes and Caitlin Place, who made up the 'No Rest Til Budapest' team, seized the opportunity and asked Sir Richard for his help.

The trio then boarded a plane, leaving England far behind.

"6,000 miles in 18 hours, without having spent a penny? Not too bad!," said Robert.

Despite the comfortable ride, there was still the element of adventure.

Robert added: "We certainly still got a good taste for the adventure of Jailbreak, not least when the Japanese immigration officer became extremely suspicious at our claims that we had nowhere to stay and that we were 'running away from England'!"

• *(From left to right) Caitlin Place, Robert Harris and Charlie Parkes arrive in Tokyo (Picture courtesy of Charlie Parkes)*

Many teams covered over 1,000 miles within the time frame, travelling by car, coach, trucks and school buses to make their way to Stockholm, Warsaw and Majorca, to name a few.

Andrew Baxter, who helped organise the event, said: "It was fantastic just to be involved in, and it was incredible to slowly watch the map of students spreading out over the continent.

"The variety of destinations people reached just by hitchhiking was astonishing, and testament to the participants' ingenuity and the helpfulness of the people they met."

As the Journal went to print, Jailbreak had raised over £40,000 for RAG's four charities - the Oxford Food Bank, Education Partnerships Africa, Students Supporting Street Kids and Giving What We Can.

Elderly man targeted in roof racket

POLICE are urging people to be extra vigilant after an elderly person in Cumnor Hill became the victim of a distraction burglary.

Between 12pm and 12.30pm on February 4, two men knocked on the victim's door claiming they had carried out roofing work on the property.

The men obtained money from the man and made off with more cash from inside his house.

One suspect is described as late 20s or early 30s, of medium build wearing a blue cap.

The other man is believed to be in his 40s, with dark hair and wearing jeans. The men left in a white car.

If you have seen any suspicious looking people or vehicles in the Cumnor Hill area or have any information relating to the incident, call 101.

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Brendan's license to thrill

STRICTLY Come Dancing star Brendan Cole brings his new show 'License To Thrill' to Oxford's New Theatre tomorrow, following on from his debut theatre tour last year.

By **Adam Flinn**

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Brendan and his cast of 14 musicians and six internationally-known dancers enact a wide range of different dances during the two-hour show.

Waltzes and Foxtrots are performed alongside fast-paced Quicksteps, Tangos and American Smooths, as well as Latin dances that promise to keep audiences entertained throughout the evening.

"My dance cast is truly international, with a collective CV from competition, theatre, stage and television," said Brendan.

"I'm very lucky to have a cast that have been in Dancing With The Stars around the world as well as stars from the Broadway hit Burn the Floor and, of course, Strictly Come Dancing."

Brendan is joined by Strictly co-star Aliona Vilani for Saturday's performance, after original leading lady Fauve Hautot was forced to pull out because of injury.

Aliona said: "With this wealth of talent we will ensure audiences have the best seat in the house all night, and I can't wait to see the show back out in theatres again."

The band is led by musical director Barry Robinson, and it features vocalists Ian Mackenzie and Julie Maguire, as well as a number of other British musicians.

On stage throughout the show the band will be performing songs spanning several decades, from Nat King Cole to Gladys Knight to Michael Bublé.

"There is a small nod to James Bond with the music," Barry said about the music in the show.

"One of the big songs is Gladys Knight's 'License to Kill', hence the 'License to Thrill' title, and there is a dance-off between the males in 'Live and Let Die'."

The show starts at 7.30pm. For further details, go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk or phone 0844 871 3020.

• *Brendan Cole comes to Oxford tomorrow evening*

One last time

THE heart-warming show Dreams of Philomina comes to the Pegasus Theatre on Saturday, from production company Lunabug.

It follows the story of Philomina, who is given the chance to see her beloved husband Albert one last time, in a journey from the sea-side home to a wondrous land.

The show starts at 3pm, and tickets are £8. Go to www.pegasustheatre.org.uk or call 01865 812150 for more details.

Brahms show

MUSIC from the library of Brahms is being performed in Oxford on Sunday evening, as part of The Bartholomew Concert.

Singers from around the UK and The Netherlands make up the concert, who regularly perform in the city since being founded in 2001.

It takes place at St John the Evangelist Church from 7.30pm.

For more information, call 01865 613502 or go to www.sje-oxford.org.

Semi-Monde at Playhouse

• *Semi-Monde (Picture by Duncan Cornish)*

STUDENTS from the University of Oxford are staging a production of Noel Coward's Semi-Monde, taking place at the Oxford Playhouse from Wednesday.

Semi-Monde takes the audience through the corridors of the Parisian Ritz at the beginning of the Roaring Twenties, with the jazz age at its height.

It has never before been performed in Oxford, and Coward himself described the comedy as "jagged with sophisticated".

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Cara's got lots of heart

IRISH-BORN folk singer songwriter Cara Dillon is in Didcot on Saturday, as she prepares for the release of her upcoming album 'A Thousand Hearts'.

By **Adam Flinn**

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Cara is married to fellow musician Sam Lakeman, who will also be appearing in Saturday's show, after they met in the folk super group 'Equation'.

The combination of Cara's vocals and Sam's piano skills was a winning formula, and as well as their original 'Equation' material they have written many other songs.

"In the last couple of years with the smaller gigs, myself and Sam just went out together and didn't bring the rest of the band because we couldn't fit them on stage!" said Cara.

"And they've been going down really well. It's something different for us and a breath of fresh air, and we've really enjoyed doing it.

"This time round, it will be different in that we've got lots of new songs from the new album coming out in the spring, so we're doing lots of new material."

Cara launched her own record label in 2009 for the release of the award-winning album 'Hill of Thieves', following on from her three earlier solo records.

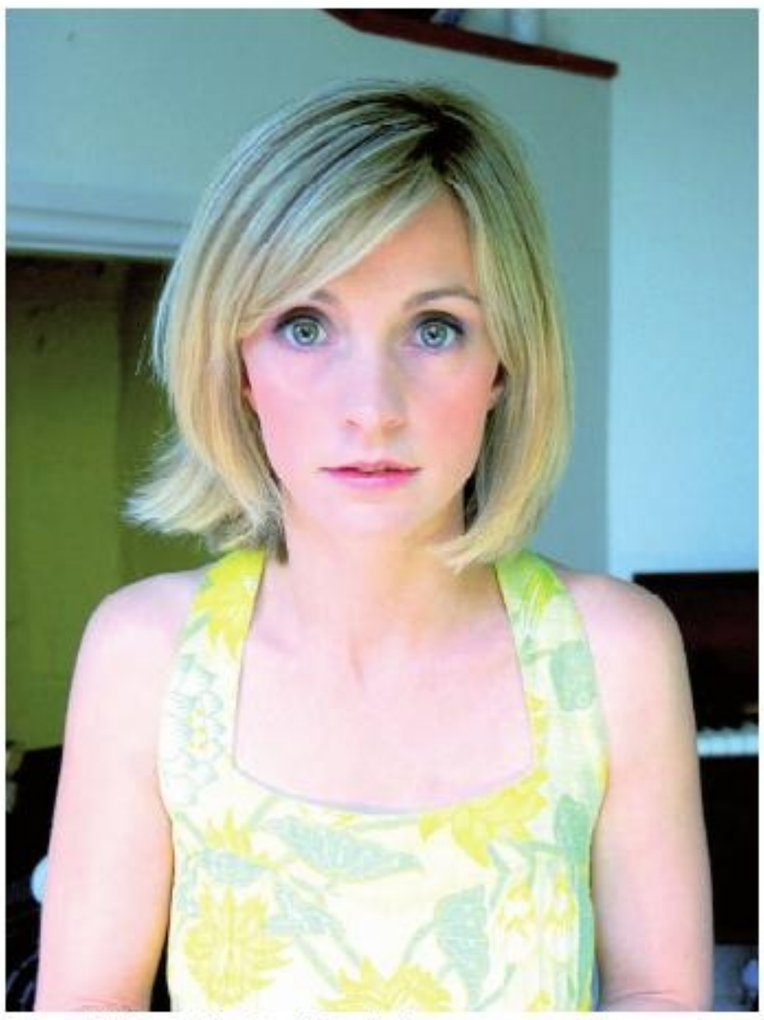
'A Thousand Hearts' will be Cara's fifth solo effort, and she is aiming for an April release date.

She added: "I would say this album is carrying on the same kind of theme from 'Hill of Thieves', because we loved recording it and got such an amazing response.

"We've recorded the album at home, like we have for the others, and so for the past few months we've had lots of musicians coming and going, staying and meeting for a drink.

"I'm very excited for the album because a lot of the songs are songs I've grown up with. It's a lovely process."

The show starts at 8pm, and tickets cost £19. For more details, call the box office on 01235 515144 or go to www.cornerstone-arts.org.



• *Cara Dillon and husband Sam Lakeman come to the Cornerstone this weekend*

Pilot piano duo set for O2

PIANO-DRIVEN duo Twenty One Pilots are at Oxford's O2 Academy on Tuesday, as they bring their new set to the stage.

Made up of Tyler Joseph and Josh Dun, the pair are no strangers to the road, and are now touring following the release of their latest album 'Vessel'.

Doors open at 7pm, and more information can be found by calling 0844 477 2000 or on the website: www.o2academy-oxford.co.uk.

Celebrating Julie's legacy

JULIE Madly Deeply comes to the Wallingford Corn Exchange on Saturday, celebrating the music and career of iconic actress Dame Julie Andrews.

The show is performed by West End actress Sarah-Louise Young, and begins at 7.45pm. For more details, go to www.cornexchange.org.uk or call 01491 825000.

Blast off!

CHILDREN'S theatre comes to Banbury's Mill Arts Centre on Tuesday, as Kids Carpet Blast Off goes into outer space on a mission to find a brand new sound for their new album.

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Two shows take place on Tuesday at 11am and 2pm. For further information, go to www.themillartscentre.co.uk or call 01295 297002.

Louis tribute

A TRIBUTE act to the renowned jazz musician Louis Armstrong comes to the Chipping Norton Theatre on Sunday, performed by the award-winning Bateman Brothers Jazz Band.

Hits from the evening will include 'What a Wonderful World', 'Hello Dolly' and 'Cabaret', with the band being joined by singer Maggie Reeday, all-round entertainer Thomas Langham and trumpeter Enrico Tomasso.

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21 February, 7:30pm - 9:30pm
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22 February, 8:20pm - 11pm
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22.15 The Heavy Dexters
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9		1		5		3	4	
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	3		4	2	8			
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	6		8		4		1	
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			9	4	1			
6	7					1		
	4	8		6		5		3

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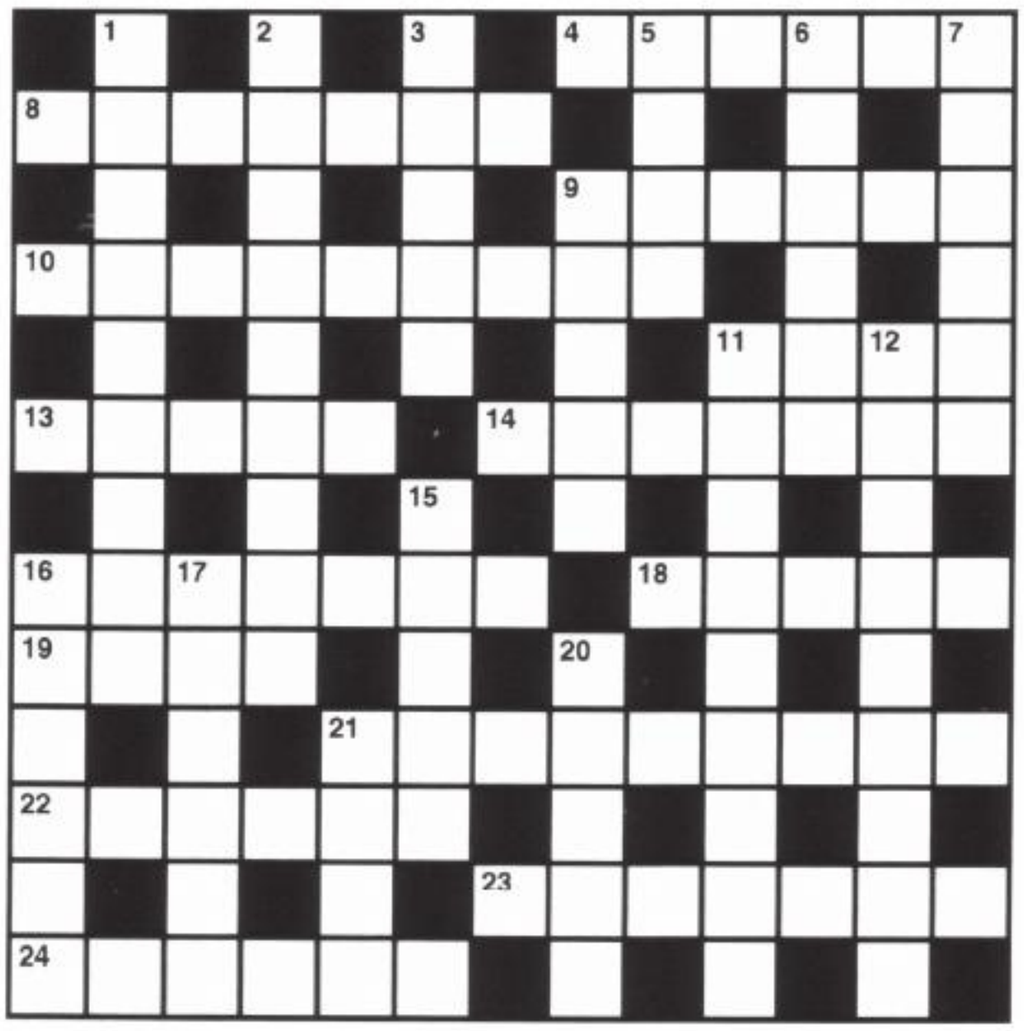
Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across
4 Ratify (6)
8 Part (7)
9 Is of use (6)
10 Servant (9)
11 Encourage (4)
13 Hard structure for biting (5)
14 Distribute widely (7)
16 Expels (7)
18 Harmful bacteria (5)
19 Soon (4)
21 Seasoning (9)
22 Kind of shoe (6)
23 Stupidity (7)
24 Egyptian leader (6)

Quick Clues Down
1 Wellbred men (9)
2 Heed (9)
3 Links (5)
5 Measurements (4)
6 Turn upsidedown (6)
7 Man who rules others (6)
9 Light meal (5)
11 Farthest (9)
12 Sprout (9)
15 Backless seat (5)
16 Fruit (6)
17 Indicates (6)
20 Snake (5)
21 Worry (4)

Cryptic Clues Across
4 It upsets us to be insensitive (6)
8 Calmed down when all agreed (7)
9 Not an upright type (6)
10 He's a key worker (9)
11 Plots for sleepyheads (4)
13 Spruce up for the wedding (5)
14 They should know the rules of the game (7)
16 Hold it! (7)
18 Mock the noisy bumpkin (5)
19 Muse about the birds (4)
21 Explosives at the sack factory (9)
22 Followed Sue in the end (6)
23 Her telephone call is fishy (7)
24 I'd get in rank more neatly (6)

Cryptic Clues Down
1 Joint opportunity in space (5,4)
2 Not footwear for sailors! (9)
3 It appears one should look at the manuscript (5)
5 Where one's liable to get into hot water (4)
6 It's not so pretty to lure G.I. (6)
7 The sexes are about to take a hundred what intemperance! (6)
9 Times change newspaper articles (5)
11 William fed up with the poster? (9)
12 Let's have no humbug getting the sailors out of bed (9)
15 54 I'd make black and blue (5)
16 Join me in a small amount (6)
17 Tended to sunder apart (6)
20 He's revolting (5)
21 Destiny we hear is a holiday (4)



Scribble space

Last week's solutions

8	3	7	4	6	5	9	2	1
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Quick Crossword
Across: 1 Podium 7 Plateau 8 Incisor 9 Tiers 10 Geography 12 Rag 13 Seas 15 Terrace 17 Hate 19 Hen 21 Fattening 22 Wheel 23 Oppress 24 Suction 25 Unites
Down: 1 Priggish 2 Doctor 3 Upsurge 4 Hasty 5 Recede 6 Fuss 7 Preparation 11 Gate 13 Seen 14 Suggests 16 Cheapen 18 Trench 20 Nicest 21 Flair 22 Wise

Cryptic Crossword
Across: 1 Steers 7 Galatea 8 Uncover 9 Phlox 10 Film stars 12 See 13 Isle 15 Addenda 17 Gist 19 Egg 21 Teaspoons 22 Delay 23 Nettled 24 Retreat 25 Adonis
Down: 1 Stuffing 2 Excels 3 Revised 4 Claps 5 Stalls 6 Marx 7 Grease paint 11 Meat 13 Iago 14 Episodes 16 Deputed 18 Salute 20 Goblin 21 Types 22 Dark

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REVIEW: FORD FIESTA
By **Andy Allens**

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The Fiesta, which was awarded the maximum five-star safety rating by the independent vehicle safety organisation Euro NCAP, is also among the most keenly priced small cars in Britain. The range starts at £9,995 for the 3-door, 1.25-litre Studio model.

• *The Ford Fiesta*

Facts at a glance

- 121,929 UK Fiesta sales in 2013, the most in a single year since 1996 (139,552)
- Fiesta was the top-selling UK car every month of 2013
- 2013 was the fifth successive year that Fiesta has been the UK best seller
- 67% of Fiesta sales are of five-door models
- 65% are Zetec models, 22% Titanium, 10% Style and 3% ST
- 41% of buyers opt for the 1.0 litre petrol engine, 36% for the 1.25 petrol and 9% for the 1.6 petrol; 14% choose the 1.5/1.6 diesel
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man seeking

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LEWIS: THE LADS ARE DEVASTATED

Late O'Toole header denies U's win

JOHN-JOE O'Toole's late header denied Oxford United the chance to move up to second in Sky Bet League Two as the U's were held to a 1-1 draw at struggling Bristol Rovers.

James Constable's thunderous half-volley put United ahead on 10 minutes, but O'Toole nodded home Lee Brown's free kick with six minutes to go.

The draw maintained Oxford's impressive unbeaten away record, which now stands at 14 league games, while the U's have now not lost in seven.

However, Saturday's stalemate at the Memorial Stadium saw Oxford miss out on the chance to capitalise on league leaders Chesterfield and second-placed Scunthorpe sharing the spoils.

Caretaker manager Mickey Lewis said: "We had a little spell in the second half where we were quite dominant, but Bristol Rovers were always going to come at us at 1-0," he said.

"With 10 minutes to go we were always going to be under pressure, but if we had made it 2-0 that would have perhaps killed the game off.

"We would have liked to have been higher up the pitch, but it's easier said than done.

"We don't want to be sitting back, but until they scored they had some possession and a few balls into the box and we still felt quite comfortable.

"We gave away two or three free-kicks in and around the box and they scored from one of them, and then in the last five minutes you are always going to be under pressure."

United survived a few late scares to remain third in the league table but the players were still disappointed not to clinch victory on a very heavy pitch.

Lewis added: "The lads are devastated that they have drawn the game.

"It's totally different to the Bury atmosphere, because we were a goal down there and it just changes our perspective, but its another point."

Oxford welcome Mansfield Town to the Kassam Stadium this Saturday, looking for a third home win in succession.

Alfie Potter was on the bench at Bristol Rovers and will hope to play some part this weekend while Lewis is also hopeful on Michael Raynes and Ryan Williams returning from injury.

On Tuesday night, a youthful United side beat Thame United 2-0 in the quarter-finals of the Oxfordshire Senior Cup.

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• James Constable scored his 104th goal for Oxford at the weekend (Picture by Steve Daniels)

Dominant Welsh back on top after crushing Titans

LONDON Welsh's seven-try victory over Rotherham Titans is a performance that had been coming, according to second row Peter Browne.

The Exiles stormed back to top spot in the Greene King IPA Championship with an emphatic 47-16 victory over the Titans to go two points clear of Leeds Carnegie, Rotherham and Bristol.

Tries from Nathan Trevett, Richard Thorpe, James Tideswell, Alan Awcock and a Seb Stegmann brace saw Welsh wrap up the bonus point win.

"It had been coming for a while, we've been at boiling point and we bubbled over today. Everything just worked," said Browne.

"Rotherham are a team who take teams on and we just didn't let them play for the first 65 minutes – we shut them out of the game."

• Peter Browne felt that a big London Welsh performance was coming

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